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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
BEFORE MAILING OF A FIRST OFFICE ACTION
ON THE MERITS (37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3))**

Sir:

Applicant submits this communication and the attached Form PTO-1449 in compliance
with 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98. A copy of each of the documents listed on the Form
PTO-1449 as received from the International Bureau is enclosed as part of this communication.

The documents identified on the attached form PTO-1449 include documents which are cited in the International Search Report ("ISR") of the international application, PCT/US00/22448, of which the referenced application is the U.S. national stage application. A copy of the ISR is also enclosed with this communication. The cited WO99/16714 reference is not made part of this Information Disclosure Statement as the same document was cited by Applicant in the Information Disclosure Statement, mailed August 16, 2000, in the referenced application.

Three of the references cited in the ISR are in the Japanese language. Attention is brought to the fact that Applicant received only every other page of these documents from the International Authorities. Nevertheless, as part of this communication, Applicant is submitting English-language abstracts of these references and the relevancy of the documents is indicated by the Search Report.

TIME OF TRANSMITTAL OF INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits according to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3). Therefore, no fees are due in connection with this filing. However, should any fees be deemed necessary in connection with this filing, the Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 23-1703.

Dated: December 13, 2000

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